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ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PRESENT TRAINING

BISMARCK – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and his staff will be conducting a series of free training sessions to help retailers and their employees understand the new anti-meth laws. The sessions will guide retailers through the new requirements, and provide updated information and materials. Although the training is designed for retailers, the sessions are open to the public.

The training sessions will be held across the state:

City	Date	Time	Location
Williston.....	May 16, 2005.....	9:30 AM	Airport International Inn
Minot.....	May 16, 2005.....	2:30 PM	Holiday Inn Riverside
Dickinson	May 20, 2005.....	2:30 PM <u>MT</u>	Days Inn
Jamestown.....	May 23, 2005.....	9:30 AM	Gladstone Inn
Valley City.....	May 23, 2005.....	1:30 PM	AmericInn & Suites
Bismarck	May 24, 2005.....	9:30 AM	Best Western Doublewood Inn
Devils Lake.....	May 25, 2005.....	2:30 PM	Great American Inn & Suites
Grand Forks.....	May 25, 2005.....	7:00 PM	Hilton Garden Inn
Wahpeton.....	May 26, 2005.....	1:00 PM	AmericInn & Suites
Fargo ..	May 26, 2005.....	7:00 PM	Ramada Plaza Suites

“Since the rise of the meth epidemic in North Dakota, retailers have proven to be valuable partners in fighting this scourge,” Stenehjem said. “Every day we receive drug tips and calls from retailers wanting to know how they can help us.”

In addition to reviewing the new anti-meth retail restrictions, Stenehjem will discuss the state’s efforts to curb the manufacture and use of methamphetamine, other meth-related laws, and how retailers can help make North Dakota safer from meth manufacturers.

The emphasis of the Retailer Meth Watch Program is to educate and train retail employees to recognize the telltale signs of suspicious drug-related purchases, encourage cooperation, and make it easier for retail employees to know what information to provide law enforcement to help identify suspects.

No registration is required to attend the training. Additional information is available online at: www.ag.state.nd.us/MethWatch/MethWatch2005.htm.

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